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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 13, 2005  
First Floor Conference Room  
Senior Center  
5:00pm**

*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick*

*Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Public Health, Denise Boucher, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Department Secretary*

- I. Accept September 20 and November 8, 2005 meeting minutes
- II. HEARING: Tobacco Sales Violation: Walgreen's, 324 Massachusetts Avenue  
Present at the meeting: James Costa, Manager.  
A compliance check was conducted by Leah Susan Ojamaa on November 11. She sent a 15-year minor into the store at 2:45 pm who was able to purchase cigarettes. The manager of the store explained that the store has a strict tobacco policy and each employee undergoes training before being allowed to sell any tobacco products. This is Walgreen's first violation of the year, and in enforcing the regulations, it was agreed to suspend the permit for the sale of tobacco products for 7 days. The manager chose to start the suspension immediately. A BOH inspector will go to the store tomorrow, 12/14/05, to make sure all tobacco products are off the shelves. A letter will go out to Walgreen's with the findings of the Board.
- III. HEARING REQUEST: David Vasconcellos, owner, 48 Mt. Vernon Road  
Both the tenants and Mr. Vasconcellos were present at the meeting. Joseph Carabello and Christine Connolly had conducted an inspection of the tenants' apartment at the request of their attorney. There were a few violations in the apartment and the owner repaired all the violations with the exception of the chimney because of the cost of repairs. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the chimney, it was decided by the Board that another evaluation of the cost to repair the chimney is to be conducted with both the tenants and the owner present at the time of this evaluation. Once this is completed, it will be re-considered by the Board to determine if this constitutes a violation of the rental contract.

CINDY STARK, ARLINGTON PARENT

Cindy presented a packet of information prepared by a group of concerned parents who are dedicated in the placing of full-time nurses in all public schools in Arlington. At present, only the high school and the middle school have full-time nurses because of large student populations. Only three elementary schools have full-time nurses and this is a major concern for Cindy and many other parents. As noted in the packet, the group has already collected 250 signatures on a petition and believe they will more than double this figure. The members of the School Committee agree that this proposal would be ideal, but the high cost of such an endeavor would be difficult to get passed. Cindy would greatly appreciate it if the Board would read this packet and pass on to her their insight and ideas regarding this important issue.

IV. UPDATE: Public Health Mutual Aid Warrant Article

Every year a warrant must be submitted to the Town Meeting to establish different laws pertaining to Arlington's participation in the mutual aid program. This year, however, our Public Health Region has put together a Mutual Aid Packet, a copy of which was included in your information, for submission with the hopes that all communities will adopt it. This warrant must be submitted to the Selectmen by December 19. A vote was taken and the Board approved the warrant as written.

V. UPDATE: 2006 Permitting

The annual permits for restaurants, massage therapists, massage establishments, etc., start a new yearly cycle as of January 1. We have mailed the applications and are processing them as soon as they are returned.

VI. VARIANCE REQUEST: Toraya, 890 Massachusetts Ave

This item has been postponed and they have not re-submitted as yet. Toraya serves sushi and had submitted an HACCP plan which was reviewed by our consultant and sent back to them as it did not meet our requirements.

VII. DISCUSSION OF BOH MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Christine Connolly suggested scheduling meeting dates for the entire year and put together a draft showing meetings on Tuesdays every six weeks. Following a discussion, it was decided to proceed with this schedule after some adjustments had been made. Christine will present the adjusted schedule at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on January 24, 2006 at 5:00 at the Senior Center.

Adjournment.